



BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Use of ILLUMINATE facilities for 'Light it Up Gold' campaign
Date:	23 August 2013
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware that the governance arrangements approved by the Committee in February 2013 limit access to the new ILLUMINATE LED lighting facilities to (a) the charities nominated by our civic office-bearers, (b) events organized or supported by the council and (c) an agreed schedule of additional days. Any request not falling into these categories requires the approval of the Committee.
1.2	A request has recently been received from the 'Light it up Gold' campaign for the use of the new LED lighting system at City Hall on Saturday 7th September 2013 to highlight issues around children's cancer by illuminating the building in a gold colour.
1.3	The group is comprised of parents of children affected by a variety of cancers, and is part of a wider campaign with a presence in North America and Europe. At time of writing, the group reports that commitments to have public buildings lit in gold have already been received from a number of well-known international landmarks, including Niagara Falls, The Prudential Tower in Boston and the CN Tower in Toronto.
1.4	In terms of more local participation, commitments have also been given by a number of prominent locations in the city of Dublin, including for example the Mansion House, Dublin Conference Centre, St Patrick's Cathedral, Greystones Harbour, The G Hotel and Eyre Square Fountain.
1.5	Members will be aware that the facilities available at City Hall allow lighting scenes to be created quite easily and without involving additional cost or significant work.

2	Key Issues
2.1	Firstly, it should be noted that this request is for a single occurrence only; it is not a request that this date be added to the existing annual schedule of additional days.
2.2	Secondly there is of course always the potential, when considering requests of this type, that a precedent is set which could initiate a significant volume of similar

	requests in the future which may be equally worthy and therefore difficult to refuse, resulting in over-use of the facilities.
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3	Resource Implications
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3.1	There are no direct resource implications in terms of staff time or additional costs associated with this request.
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4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
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4.1	There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.
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5	Recommendations
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5.1	The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to approve the use of the LED lighting system at City Hall for the purposes of marking the 'Light it up Gold' campaign on 7 th September 2013 only.
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6	Decision Tracking
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If the request is approved the lighting scene will be added to the existing file and will appear automatically on the specified date only.	
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7	Key to Abbreviations
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8	Documents Attached
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